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1. Inf. OCS No. 1 was at Wroclaw, No. 2 was at Jelenia Gora, and No. 3 at Elblag.

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Instructors were Polish officers; demonstrators at practical exercises were NCO's and other EM. Texts used were Polish translations of Russian data, with the exception of the text used in the Russian language course. The daily program at OCS No. 1, Wroclaw, included the following:

Summer Schedule

0500	Reveille (0600-Winter Reveille)
0505 - 0530	Gymnastics
0530 - 0600	Wash-up and making the beds
0600 - 0610	Clean-up
0610 - 0620	Morning inspection
0620 - 0730	Political information

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0730 - 0735	Preparation for breakfast
0735 - 0755	Breakfast
0800 - 1200	Classes
1200 - 1220	Second breakfast (sic)
1230 - 1630	Training
1640 - 1710	Dinner
1710 - 1740	Cleaning of weapons
1740 - 1940	Study period
1940 - 2100	Dayroom work
2100 - 2130	Free period
2130 - 2200	Supper
2200 - 2230	Clean-up
2230 - 2245	Preparation for bed
2300	Taps

2. At OCS No. 1, in 1949 - 1952, there were approximately 1,400 officer candidates and a teaching staff of about 300 officers, EM, and civilians, both Polish and Russian. The program of studies for three years at OCS No. 1, Wroclaw was as follows:

a. First year

- (1) Infantry: familiarization, nomenclature, dis-assembly, and assembly of small arms; marksmanship; structure and throwing of F-1 and RG-42 hand grenades; the individual rifleman in the field under combat conditions; squad, platoon, and company tactics in the field; physical training and hygiene; camouflage; scouting and patrolling; terrain study; map reading and sketching; day and night demonstrations of tactics in forest and in open terrain.
- (2) Chemical warfare: nomenclature, structure, familiarization with gas mask; types and kinds of gases and smokes; identification of gases. There were no gas chamber exercises.
- (3) Political indoctrination: subjects stressed were the new Polish Army; the Kosciuszko Div. in World War II; modern history of Poland; the Six-Year Plan; BIERUT; Soviet-Polish amity.
- (4) General subjects: familiarization with the Russian language; Polish military terminology; mathematics; geometry; geography; social studies; the officer and his career; brief introduction to other arms and services such as - signal, engineer, artillery, tank, medical, and QM.

b. Second year

- (1) Infantry: close order and extended order drill, practice in commands, platoon tactics of defense and offense in day and night time conditions; road and motor marches;

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nomenclature, familiarization and firing of the heavy machine gun, light machine gun, Sniper Rifle, PM (PFSH), Carbine and pistol; map reading; aerial photo interpretation; day and night azimuth exercises; familiarization with anti-infantry and anti-tank grenades; defense against air attack; identification of aircraft; general data on self-propelled artillery (primarily used for assault); physical training and obstacle courses.

- (2) Chemical: refresher courses on gases and smokes; sniff set identification; chemical munitions; smokescreens; protective clothing; identification of contaminated areas and means of decontaminating such areas.
- (3) Engineer-sapper: nomenclature, structure and utilization of paper, wooden, and metal type mines; arming and disarming of mines; shallow and deep-water bridge construction; minelaying, mining buildings, bridges, and other military objectives, laying of steel time traps; setting up road blocks and wire entanglements.
- (4) Signal: nomenclature, structure and utilization of Polish, Soviet and US field telephones; familiarization with field radio, trans-receiver set, RBM type; coding, cryptography and use of phonetic identifications; battalion communication system; telephone line work; jamming; and security.
- (5) General: Political indoctrination subjects stressed the imperialism of the West, the meaning of Communism for Poland; the meaning of Union of the Polish Youth and the Communist Party for Poland; LENIN, STALIN, MARX and ENGELS and ROKOSSOVSKI.

c. Third year program of studies included: advanced map reading, signs, symbols, terrain study; infantry tactics up to battalion level; commanding troops of the squad, platoon, and company; six-month Russian language course with Russian military and civilian personnel as teachers; the Polish officer and his responsibility to the state; the Korean war staged by the imperialist West; care and maintenance of clothing and equipment.

3. The program of studies in the winter was given in Wroclaw, whereas summer studies were given at Sulecin [5226N-1506E]. At Sulecin, the Wroclaw OCS candidates would participate with the Jelenia Gora CCS candidates in tactical problems, firing live ammunition from small arms and heavy weapons and associated military subjects. Engineer and tank OCS students from Wroclaw were also in this area. In the area [redacted] there were about 40 one-story, gray brick, buildings, each 70 x 20 m., with a capacity of 130 - 140 persons in each building. Men slept in metal, double-deck bunks.

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4. Officer candidates were granted two leaves per year; 15 days at Christmas time and 15 days in September.

5. [redacted] schools in Poland:

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<u>School - OCS</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Length of Course</u>	<u>No. of Students</u>
Army Air Force	Zamosc [5043N-2315E]	4 years	Unknown
Navy Air Force	Zamosc	4 years	Unknown
Tank Engineer-Sapper	Wroclaw	1 - 3 years 3 years	Unknown Unknown
AA Arty.	Elblag	2 years	Unknown
Arty-AT, Gun, Howitzer	Lublin	3 years	Unknown
Signal	Warsaw	3 years	Unknown
Transportation	Pila [5309N-1645E]	2 years	Unknown
Political Affairs	Lodz	6 mos-2 years	Unknown
Military Border Guard - (Wojsko Ochrony Pogranicza - WOP)	Ketrzyn [5405N-2123E]	1 - 2 years	Unknown
Internal Security Corps (Korpus Bezpieczenstwa Wewnetznego - KBW)	Poznan [5225N-1658E]	2 years	Unknown
State Police Force (Milicja Obywatelska - MO)	Poznan	2 years	Unknown
State Police Force	Krakow	2 years	Unknown

NOTE: The WOP and KBW were paramilitary agencies under the Ministry of Public Security. The MO was more in the nature of a civic state police force also under the Ministry of Public Security.

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